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On instructions from my Government, and with reference to paragraph 9 of the summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized (S/1998/44), I have the honour to inform you that Iraq requests the retention of two items mentioned in paragraph 7, namely:

1. Item 13, entitled "Complaint by Iraq concerning incidents on its frontier with Iran". Iraq is requesting the retention of this item in view of the fact that the Islamic Republic of Iran continues to perpetrate acts of aggression on its borders with Iraq. Iraq periodically informs the Security Council of these acts.

2. Item 23, entitled "Complaint by Iraq", concerning the Israeli attack in 1981 on Iraqi installations for the peaceful use of nuclear energy. The Security Council condemned this attack in its resolution 487 (1981), which calls upon Israel to take certain measures, such as to refrain in the future from any such acts or threats thereof, and to place its nuclear facilities under the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). To date, Israel has not complied with the demands made in this resolution, and continues to threaten to carry out military strikes against Arab scientific installations devoted to peaceful purposes. It also refuses to place its nuclear facilities under the IAEA safeguards.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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